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A US government agency has issued a strongly worded protest condemning the mistreatment of Coptic Christians in Egypt. On June 26 **the Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)** released a statement of concern over reports of attacks on Copts in the village of Ezbet Boshra-East.

“This latest incident is another example of the upsurge of violence against Coptic Christians we have seen in the past few years,” **said Felice Gaer, chairman of the USCIRF.** “The Commission has long expressed concern that the Egyptian government does not do enough to protect Christians and their property in Egypt, nor does the government adequately bring perpetrators of such violence to justice.”

The USCIRF said that on June 21, Muslim villagers looted and attacked private homes and a building used for Christian gatherings and religious services in a rural village in Egypt's Nile Valley.